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NITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Tadamitsu KISHIMOTO, et al.

Title:

CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING IL-6

ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT

Appl. No.:

09/756,125

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F. Pierre VanderVegt, Ph.D.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a threemonth extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The extension fee for response within the third month is \$890.00. A check for this amount is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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